



Lucas City Newsletter

December 2005

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City Council

Bob Sanders, Mayor
Mike Marafine, Mayor Pro Tem
Bill Carmickle, Councilmember
Debbie Fisher, Councilmember
Tonda Frazier, Councilmember
Don Zriny, Councilmember

City Administrator

Charles Fenner

Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the City Annex unless otherwise specified.

Home Rule Charter Commission

December 1, 8, and 15

City Council Regular

December 5

Planning & Zoning

December 12

City Council Workshop

No Meeting

Parks & Open Spaces

No Meeting

Municipal Court

December 13, 2:00 PM

Happy Holidays!



The City of Lucas wishes you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season!

City Offices will be closed December 23rd & 26th and January 2nd.

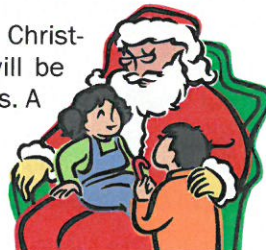
Our characters are a result of our conduct.

— Aristotle

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 10th, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., City Annex

Join us for some holiday cheer at the City sponsored Christmas Open House. Rumor has it that Santa Claus will be making a special trip just to visit with the kids in Lucas. A camera could be just thing to bring along.



Visit with your neighbors and friends and enjoy seasonal goodies. Cider, hot chocolate, cookies, and other tasty treats will be available to one and all.

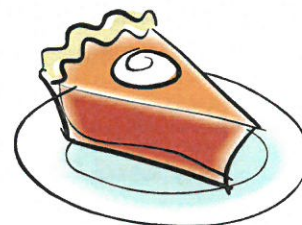
Additionally, you'll be able to take a tour of the fire station and fire engines and get to know some of our terrific volunteer fire fighters. If you'd like to contribute to our toy and canned food drive (details on page 2 inside), we'll have collection boxes available at the event. We'd love to see you! Come share our glad tidings and the joy of the season!

Holiday Memories

This time of year brings back many memories for people of all ages. I have special memories of being on the farm at my grandmothers house with the smell of a Turkey in the oven and awaiting that piece of pumpkin pie that I helped make. So please enjoy the following recipe and I hope you have a wonderful and safe **Holiday Season** that will always be remembered.

1¼ cup pumpkin, preferably organic or locally grown
¾ cup organic sugar
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon flour
2 organic eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup evaporated milk (or you can substitute organic cream)
2 tablespoons water
½ teaspoon vanilla

Combine pumpkin, sugar, salt, ginger, cinnamon, and flour. Add eggs. Mix well. Add evaporated milk, water, and vanilla. Mix. Pour into either store bought or home made pie shell. Bake at 425 o for 15 minutes, then reduce to 350 o and bake for 35 minutes (or longer if necessary). **To Prepare Fresh Pumpkin-** Slice open pumpkin, scoop out seeds. Cut pumpkin into chunks Steam until soft Peel off skin and Purée in blender



Home Rule Charter Commission Updates

The Home Rule Charter Commission will be having three meetings this month. December 1st meeting will be starting at 8:00 PM. All other meetings will begin at their normal time of 7:00 PM. Look inside for additional information from your Home Rule Commission.

Supplying Water to Our ETJ — The Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN)

Our City's CCN grants to us an exclusive right and obligation to provide water service at reasonable rates within our extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ), e.g. land outside our city limits but under our jurisdiction. This means adjoining cities or other water suppliers cannot provide water service within our ETJ. It also means the City cannot refuse to provide water to anyone within our ETJ who complies with our water system policies and regulations.

A CCN is issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), formerly known as the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC). Chapter 13, Water Rates and Services, of the Texas Water Code establish CCN regulations and administration.

City Quick Notes

- Recycling pick-up dates in December: 2nd and 16th
- Put trash in bags no heavier than **35** pounds and have them out by **7:00 AM**.
- Outdoor burning is still prohibited. Call 972-424-1460 x4799 to check the status.
- Register to vote! To participate in the May 2006 election, you must be a registered voter by April 13, 2006.

Student Star



Congratulations to Lucas student **Kasey Cantwell** making the Honor Roll and receiving High Honors for the first marking period at Canterbury School. Well done, Kasey!

Toy and Canned Food Drive

The City will serve as a collection point for toys to be donated to our local kids in need. Please bring your unwrapped toys to



City Hall during business hours. The City will also be collecting can food goods for the local families in need. We will be collecting items through December 16th. **THANK YOU**



Lucas Firefighters Train to Excel

by David Leonard, Captain / EMT-B, LVFD

As the year draws to an end, the Lucas VFD reviews the training challenges and accomplishments by its members. As a department, the volunteer firefighters will log over 3800 hours of training. This amount of time is running true to the course of previous years. Since 2002, the department has logged approximately 14,500 hours of time devoted strictly to training. If the salary of the average firefighter was applied to those hours, the citizens realize a savings of about \$522,000 over the past four years.



2005 produced (3) SFFMA Advanced Fighters. **Randy Conrad, Frank Delvalle, and Gary Johnson** graduated from the CCCC Volunteer Firefighter program in November.

Two members, **CJ Alexander** and **Mark Randle**, have put in many long hours to attain the Paramedic certification. **Kenny Ferguson** and **David Palmer** completed the First Responder training for emergency medical certification. Members **James Tellier, Mike Cox, CJ Alexander** and **Mark Randle** attended 40 hours of classroom training to receive Level II Instructor Certification. **David Palmer** completed the Basic Level of firefighter training which takes approximately 168 hours of classroom and hands on exercises. **Robert Morgan** and **Jim Hintze** have been attending the Introduction Level of certification.

Joe Estes, Brandon Marshall, Kenny Ferguson and **Robert Brashears** attended a week of training at Texas A&M on their vacation time. **Mark Randle, CJ Alexander, Brandon Marshall** and **Kenny Ferguson** attended local training at Ft. Worth and various other municipalities in the area. As a department, the volunteers endured four live fire exercises at the CCCC campus in McKinney. One of the live fire exercises included working with Parker VFD, which is our automatic mutual aid partner.

2006 is forecasted to be just as challenging a year for training. The Intermediate Level of fire training is scheduled as well as the annual Basic course of study. Some members will attend medical training to attain EMT or Paramedic certifications. The department is considering sending more members to classes in Ft. Worth in order to sharpen their skills needed to better serve the citizens of Lucas in case of a crisis.

The department is always looking for people who wish to serve the community. If you are interested, pick up an application at the station or at the department's web site, <http://www.lucasfire.com/>.

Proposed Zoning Changes

Local City Newsletter

Public Hearings scheduled for the December 7th City Council meeting:

- OS to R-1, 14.344 acres, McGarity Road
- AO to R-1.5, 7.93 acres, W. Lucas Rd, Rockland Farms
- LI to CB, 5.55 acres, FM2551/West Lucas Road
- AG to CB, 22.898 acres, FM2551/West Lucas Road
- SUP, Little Harts Day Care, 725 Country Club

Public Hearings scheduled for the December 12th Planning and Zoning meeting:

- Ordinance adding a Planned Development Zoning District to Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 9)
- Ordinance adding telecommunication towers and antennae regulations to Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 9)
- SUP, Trinity Hill Ranch horse riding and lessons facility, 905 E. Lucas Road

Ordinances and Resolutions

The new resolutions and ordinances adopted by the City Council may be found on our website.

- Ordinance 2005-11-00540
Zoning change from AO to R2 for 15.627 acres, NE quadrant of FM1378 and W. Lucas Road (Bighorn Development/Cimarron)



Job Openings

We are currently accepting applications for a part-time receptionist and a full time

administrative assistant. Stop by City Hall for more information or log on to our website for more details.
www.lucastexas.us



COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

Hart Elementary Carnival — Thanks!

Here's a big "Thank You!" to all of the sponsors, volunteers, and to the entire Lucas community for making this year's Carnival and Auction a wonderful success! The funds collected will benefit Hart students and staff through teacher grants, reading programs, classroom materials, and other educational-related programs.

City Council Actions —10/2005

December 2005

Other than Ordinances and Resolutions

- Approved minutes for 9/6 and 9/19 meetings
- Approved plat for Cornerstone Baptist Church
- Approved preliminary plat for Cimarron (county portion)
- Approved preliminary plat for Claremont Springs II
- Approved development agreement with Forest Grove Ltd for off-site water line improvements
- Approved final plat for Amherst Estates
- Approved preliminary plat for Lakeview Downs
- Initiated bid process for road reconstruction
- Initiated setting water rate tiers for out-of-city customers and tap fee increases
- Approved holding 2005 Christmas Open House and 2006 Founders Day events

City Council Actions—11/7/2005

- Approved minutes for 6/9, 8/29, 9/26, 9/29, 10/3 and 10/17 meetings
- Approved preliminary plat for Rockland Farms
- Approved wastewater customer service contract between the city & NTMWD for Lovejoy High School
- Called for a public hearing in January concerning action against code violations at 220 Lost Valley
- Initiated bid process for banking services
- Held first reading for ordinance enacting a Code of Conduct (Chapter 2 in Code of Ordinances)
- Held first reading for amendments to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Chapter 10)
- Held first reading for ordinance requiring freeze and rain sensors on irrigation systems (Chapter 3)
- Held first reading for ordinance changing zoning from OS to R1 for XX acres on McGarity Lane

Volunteer Needed

We are in need of a volunteer **Newsletter Editor** to design our monthly newsletter. The City will continue to distribute the newsletters once written. If you are interested, please stop by City Hall for more information.

Community Corner

- SPCA low-cost pet vaccinations, City Hall, Saturday, December 10th, 2:00—5:00 p.m.
- 2006 Collin County Skywarn Training and Hazardous Weather Conference, January 21, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Free to public. Info: collinskywarn@yahoo.com



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City Info Express Lane

Don't be left out in the cold. Join our City Notifications email distribution list by visiting the City website at <http://lucastexas.us/new/email.asp>.

Tidbits

- The average high temperature for Lucas in December is approximately 55 degrees Fahrenheit, with an average low of 35, and average precipitation of 3.3 inches.
- In December: First recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome, 336 AD; Bluebeard was executed, 1440; Boston Tea Party occurred, 1771; Mayflower Pilgrims landed, 1620; First American flag was raised on the USS *Alfred*, 1775; Texas admitted to the Union, 1845; The 13th Amendment, prohibiting slavery, was adopted, 1865; Washington Monument was completed, 1884; Prohibition ended, 1933; *Gone with the Wind* premiered, 1939; Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, 1941; *Howdy Doody* premiered on TV, 1947; Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus, 1955; First successful heart transplant occurred, 1982.

Note From Your Building Inspector....Bruce Hopewell

Don't forget to have your furnace checked and serviced to insure you and your family will be safe and warm throughout the winter.



By the Numbers

Citywide Water Usage (gallons)

October 2005	47,274,000
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October 2005 Sheriff's Office Calls for Service in Lucas

Traffic Stops	52
Building Checks	19
Alarms	17
Traffic Accidents & Hazards	10
Theft, Burglary, Vandalism	13
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Circumstances	20
Assistance	6
Disturbances	10
Trespass	3
Other	30
Total	180

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